

2012 STATEWIDE FIRE SUMMARY

During the 2012 fire season, wildfire agencies responded to 7,041 fires which burned 829,224 acres. For wildfire agencies, this represents a 10% decrease in fires and a 72% increase in acres burned from 2011. CAL FIRE, both Schedule A and Schedule B, reported 4,981 wildfire incidents that burned 136,280 acres, which represents a 5% decrease in fires and a 59% increase in acres burned from 2011.

Table 1. Protection Areas by Wildfire Agency—Fires and Acres

Direct Protection Area	Fires	Acres Burned
CAL FIRE - Schedule B	2,922	128,956
CAL FIRE - Schedule A	2,059	7,324
United States Forest Service	971	221,104
Contract Counties	498	5,931
Bureau of Land Management	189	421,119
National Park Service	86	30,886
Bureau of Indian Affairs	158	322
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	19	15
Military	139	13,567
2012 Total	7,041	829,224
5 Year Average (2008-2012) All Agencies	6,886	647,589
5 Year Average CAL FIRE (2008-2012) Includes Schedule A	4,500	136,876

Federal agencies provide their fire statistics as a courtesy to CAL FIRE.

Table 2. The Top Five Fires by Acreage Burned

Fire Name	County	Start Date	Acres Burned	Fire Cause	Structures Destroyed
Rush	LASSEN	8/12/12	271,911	LIGHTNING	0
Chips	PLUMAS/ LASSEN	7/29/12	75,217	UI	9
Bagley	SHASTA	8/18/12	46,011	LIGHTNING	0
North Pass	MENDOCINO	8/18/12	41,983	LIGHTNING	26
Barry Point	MODOC	8/6/12	38,394	LIGHTNING	3

Source: Redbook, Table 6, Large Fires 300 Acres and Greater - Other Agencies Direct Protection Areas.